

**TRANSLATOR FOR ENABLING LOGICAL PARTITIONING
OF A NETWORK SWITCH**

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ABSTRACT

10 A method for translating control messages between a network manager and
a router. The method includes intercepting an input command message intended
for the router, where the router partitioned into a plurality of logical router partitions,
and the input command message expressed in terms of logical router partitions.
Each logical router partition expression of the input command message is
translated into a physical router expression, and the input command message,
including any translated expressions, is propagated toward the router.